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14. (currently amended) In a masonry building comprising a concrete foundation including a plurality of spaced vertically disposed bores therein, a plurality of masonry walls supported on and attached to said foundation and to each other adjacent said walls, and a continuous masonry bond beam formed at upper portions of all said plurality of masonry walls, said plurality of masonry walls including a plurality of side by side vertical hollow wall sections, at least one elongated member being positioned inside [[at]] one said hollow section of each of said masonry walls, each said elongated member having one end portion extending into said bore and being secured to said foundation by adhesive and another end portion extending freely through and above said masonry bond beam, and means attached to said another end portion for tensioning each said elongated member a predetermined amount causing each of said masonry walls to be in compression.

15. (previously presented) In the building of Claim 14 wherein each said elongated member includes a respective threaded upper stud.

16. (previously presented) In the building of Claim 15 wherein said upper threaded stud of each said elongated member passes through a passageway in said masonry bond beam

and extends above it, said means for tensioning each said elongated member including a nut, each said nut being threaded on said upper stud and tightened to tension each said elongated member.

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25. (currently amended) A masonry building comprising:

a concrete foundation including a plurality of vertically disposed bores therein;

a plurality of masonry walls supported on and attached to said foundation, adjacent said masonry walls being connected to each other;

a continuous masonry bond beam formed at and along upper portions of all said masonry walls, said bond beam having an upper substantially flat surface;

each said masonry wall having a plurality of side by side vertical hollow wall sections;

at least one elongated structural member having opposite end portions, said at least one structural member passing completely through at least one said hollow wall section of each said masonry wall to dispose one said end portion in a respective said bore and secured by adhesive to said foundation and its opposite said end portion extending freely through and above said continuous masonry bond beam; and

adjustment means attached to said opposite end portion and supported by said upper surface of said bond beam for tensioning each said elongated structural member a predetermined amount to force said bond beam and each said masonry walls to be in compression.

26. (previously presented) The building of Claim 25 wherein:

each of at least one said elongated member includes a respective threaded upper stud at its opposite end portion.

27. (previously presented) The building of Claim 26 wherein:

said continuous masonry bond beam includes a vertical passageway therethrough aligned with said at least one said elongated member to receive same therethrough;

said adjustment means including a threaded nut threadedly connected to said threaded upper stud and tightened to tension said at least one said elongated member between said foundation and said continuous masonry bond beam.

28. (currently amended) The building of Claim 25 wherein:

said one end portion of said at least one elongated member includes threads;

said ~~foundation having a plurality of spaced~~ bores being spaced to receive at least one said elongated member mounted in each said hollow wall sections; and

[[an]] said adhesive disposed within said bores for securing said one end portion of said at least one elongated member firmly to said foundation.

29. (previously presented) The building of Claim 25 wherein:

said at least one elongated member is substantially rigid.

30 (previously presented) The building of Claim 25 wherein:

said at least one elongated member includes a length of wire rope.

31. (previously presented) The building of Claim 30 further including:

a bulbous element attached firmly to said opposite end portion of said wire rope.

32. (currently amended) The building of Claim 31 further including:

another bulbous element attached to said one end of said wire rope, said another bulbous element being secured in a respective said bore in said foundation by adhesive.

33. (currently amended) The building of Claim 25 further including:

a pair of spaced bulbous elements attached firmly to said opposite end ~~portion~~ portions of said at least one elongated structural member;

said upper bulbous element being disposed below a free threaded end of said one end portion;

said free threaded end passing through a passage in said continuous masonry beam;

said adjustment means including a washer supported by said continuous masonry beam and a nut threaded onto said free threaded end and engaged with a surface of said washer opposite to another surface engaged with said continuous masonry beam.

34. (previously presented) The building of Claim 25 wherein:

said elongated member is a threaded rod.

35. (previously presented) The building of Claim 25 wherein:

said elongated member is a rebar; said rebar having upper and lower threaded end studs welded to and forming said opposite end portions of said rebar.

36. (previously presented) The building of Claim 25 wherein said at least one elongated member is substantially non-stretchable.

37. (previously presented) The building of Claim 25 further comprising:

an elongated plate having an upper surface and a vertical opening medially and aligned with said opposite end portion of said at least one elongated structural member, said plate extending laterally across said masonry bond beam;

said adjustment means engaging said plate upper surface.

38. (previously presented) The building of Claim 37 wherein:

said plate includes a pair of spaced subtending hook members each having a loop end located on opposite sides of said structural member;

said loop ends extending generally medially of said masonry bond beam; and a pair of horizontally disposed and elongated rebar carried by respective said loop ends to reinforce said continuous masonry bond beam throughout its entire length along all said masonry walls.

39. (currently amended) A two-story building comprising:

a roof;

a concrete foundation having a plurality of spaced vertically disposed bores;

at least three first-story masonry walls supported on and attached to said foundation with adjacent said masonry walls forming a continuous wall of said building;

a continuous masonry bond beam extending along and forming the upper end of said continuous masonry wall, said bond beam having a vertical passageway therethrough in each said masonry wall;

each said at least three masonry walls being formed of a plurality of side by side vertical hollow wall sections;

a tension device including an elongated member located inside a hollow of each said wall section, said elongated member located inside a hollow of each said wall section, said elongated member having a lower portion having a top end portion and a bottom end portion extending into and secured with adhesive into respective said bore to said foundation and extending vertically upwardly freely through said passageway in said masonry bond beam;

said elongated member having an upper portion having a top end portion and a bottom end portion attached to said top end portion of said lower portion of said elongated member and extending vertically to and above a top plate of a wall forming a second story of said building and attached thereto; and

adjustment means for tensioning said elongated member for causing said masonry bond beam and said masonry wall and said wall of said second story to be in compression.

40. (currently amended) The building of Claim [[37]] 39 wherein:

said adjustment means for tensioning said elongated member includes a first adjustment means attached to said top portion of said lower portion of said elongated member for tensioning said lower portion of said elongated member between said foundation and said continuous masonry bond beam, and a second adjustment means attached between said top portion of said upper portion of said elongated member and said top plate of such building for tensioning said upper portion of said elongated member between said continuous masonry bond beam and said top plate.

41. (new) In a masonry building comprising:

a concrete foundation including a plurality of spaced vertically disposed bores therein;

a plurality of masonry walls supported on and attached to said foundation, adjacent said masonry walls being connected to each other;

a continuous masonry bond beam formed at and along upper portions of all said masonry walls, said bond beam having an upper substantially flat surface;

each said masonry wall having a plurality of side by side vertical hollow wall sections creating a continuous vertically disposed passageway;

a plurality of elongated structural members having upper and lower end portions, each said structural member passing completely through at least one said hollow wall section of each said masonry wall to dispose said lower end portion in and secured by adhesive to said foundation and said upper end portion extending freely through said continuous masonry bond beam; and

adjustment means attached to said opposite end portion and supported by said upper surface of said bond beam for tensioning each said elongated structural member a predetermined amount to force said bond beam and each said masonry walls to be in compression, a method for tensioning said masonry wall comprising the steps of:

A. drilling said plurality of spaced bores into said concrete foundation below each said passageway;

B. inserting said plurality of elongated structural members, each having upper and lower end portions and having a predetermined length greater than the height of the masonry wall to be tensioned by said elongated members inside each passageway;

C. securing said lower end of each said elongated member into a respective said bore in said foundation;

D. securing said upper end of each said elongated member to said upper portion of respective said hollow wall sections; and

E. tensioning said upper end portion of each said plurality of elongated member to said upper portion of said respective hollow wall section with said adjustment means.

42. (new) In the building of Claim 41 wherein step D includes the steps of:

F. positioning said masonry bond beams on top of said masonry wall;

G. forming a vertically disposed passageway through said bond beam;

H. positioning said upper end of a an elongated structural member through said passageway formed in step G;

I. installing a sleeve around said upper portion of said elongated structural member and downwardly through said passageway of step G; and

J. pouring concrete into said masonry bond beam and around said sleeve installed in step I.

43, (new) In the building of Claim 41 wherein step E includes the steps of:

F. placing a washer and a nut over said upper end portion of said elongated member that extends through said passageway passing through said masonry bond beam;

G. tightening said nut to tension said elongated member and place said masonry wall under compression.

44. (new) In a masonry building including a concrete foundation a masonry wall supported on and attached to said foundation, and a continuous masonry bond beam formed at the upper portion of said masonry wall, said masonry wall including a plurality of vertical hollow wall sections, each said hollow wall section including a plurality of hollow masonry units, a method for tensioning said masonry wall comprising the steps of:

A. accessing the interior of said hollow masonry units located adjacent the bottom of said masonry wall to expose a surface portion of said foundation below said masonry wall;

B. drilling an elongated bore into said exposed surface portion of said foundation;

C. providing a vertical passageway through said bond beam;

D. vertically inserting a lower end of an elongated member having a predetermined length greater than a height of the masonry wall inside said hollow masonry units;

E. securing said lower end of the elongated member to said foundation; and

F. tensioning said elongated member to compress said masonry wall.

45. (new) In the building of Claim 44 wherein step F includes the steps of:

G. placing a washer and nut over a threaded upper end of said elongated member that extends through said passageway through said masonry bond beam; and

H. tightening said nut to tension said elongated member and place said masonry wall under compression.